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Applicant SUMITOMO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES, LTD. et al	

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 14	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1 - 14	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 14	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP, 7-235376, A (Yazaki Corp.), 5 September, 1995 (05.09.95), [0017]-[0021], Fig. 1</p> <p>Document 2: US, 5670839, A (Sharp Corp.), 23 September, 1997 (23.09.97), column 1, lines 8-12, column 3, line 41 to column 4, line 56, Fig. 1, column 5, lines 59-63, Fig. 5, & JP, 7-335382, A, 22 December, 1995 (22.12.95), [0001], [0015]-[0019], Fig. 1, [0027], Fig. 5</p> <p>Document 3: JP, 10-262789, A (Toto Ltd.), 6 October, 1998 (06.10.98), [0009], Fig. 1, [0027], [0028], Fig. 9, Fig. 12</p> <p>Document 4: JP, 2001-259434, A (Konica Corp.), 25 September, 2001 (25.09.01), [Claims]</p> <p>Document 5: JP, 2002-85533, A (Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd.), 26 March, 2002 (26.03.02), [0018]-[0020], [0024]</p> <p>Document 6: US, 2002/0006865, A1 (Toyota Central Research and Development Laboratories, Inc.), 17 January, 2002 (17.01.02), [0023]-[0026], & JP, 2002-95976, A, 2 April, 2002 (02.04.02), [0015]-[0018]</p> <p>Document 7: JP, 2002-265937, A (Osram Sylvania Inc.), 18 September, 2002 (18.09.02), [0003], & US, 2003/0057399, A1, 27 May, 2003 (27.05.03), [0004]</p> <p>Document 8: JP, 2002-231151, A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 16 August, 2002 (16.08.02), [0028], [0054], [0061], & US, 2003/0164670, A1, 4 September, 2003 (04.09.03), [0044], [0079], [0096]</p> <p>Document 9: JP, 2002-542373, A (Honeywell Specialty Chemicals Seelze GmbH), 10 December, 2002 (10.12.02), [0012], [0043], & WO, 00-63317, A2</p> <p>Document 10: JP, 2003-249373, A (Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.), 5 September, 2003 (05.09.03), [Claims], [0013], [0015]-[0017]</p> <p>Document 11: JP, 10-141044, A (Hoya Corp.), 26 May, 1998 (26.05.98), [0042]-[0049], [0088], Figs. 1-8, & US, 6468428, B1, 22 October, 2002 (22.10.02)</p> <p>Claims 1-14</p> <p>Document 1 describes (1) a constitution in which (a) an inner electrode in which an EL fiber with a function to emit visible light is positioned at the center in the radial direction is provided and (b) an inner insulation layer, a light emitting layer, an outer electrode and a protective layer formed</p>			

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as the outermost surface are formed around the inner electrode, (2) a constitution in which an AC electric field is applied across the electrodes, for emitting light, (3) a constitution in which an outer insulation layer is formed between the light emitting layer and the outer electrode, and (4) a constitution in which the light emitting layer has the particles of a fluorescent substance dispersed in a dielectric resin. (See [0017]-[0021] and Fig. 1.)

Document 2 describes (1) a constitution in which an EL light emitting layer capable of emitting ultraviolet light of 400 nm or less when an AC electric field is applied is provided and (2) a constitution in which the said EL light emitting layer has a mixture consisting of ZnS and MgS as a base material. (See column 1, lines 8-12, column 3, line 41 to column 4, line 56, Fig. 1, column 5, lines 59-63, and Fig. 5.)

Document 3 discloses a constitution in which EL and a photocatalyst are incorporated in one film panel for integration. The photocatalyst film described in Figs. 9 and 12 of document 3 corresponds to "a particle layer or thin film of a material with a photocatalyst function, formed as the outermost surface" of claim 3 and "a protective layer per se being a material with a photocatalyst function" described in claim 5. (See [0009], Fig. 1, [0027], [0028], Fig. 9 and Fig. 12.)

Document 4 describes a device for deodorization, antimicrobial treatment and anti-mildew treatment of an inorganic semiconductor having an organic EL element or LED together. (See "Claims".)

Document 5 describes a photocatalyst having TiO₂ doped with any one of Cu, Fe and Zn. (See [0018]-[0020] and [0024].)

Document 6 describes a photocatalyst having TiO₂ doped with either element of N and S and further doped with any one element of Mn, Fe, Co, Cu and Zn as a co-catalyst. (See [0023]-[0026].)

Document 7 describes a constitution in which an EL light emitting layer has phosphor dispersed in a ceramic dielectric. (See [0003].)

Document 8 describes (1) a constitution in which the fluorescent substance used to form a light emitting layer has ZnS and MgS as base materials, Ag as a first added element and Al as a second added element, and (2) a constitution in which the said fluorescent substance has ZnS and MgS as base materials, Cu as a first added element and Al as a second added element. (See [0028], [0054] and [0061].)

Document 9 describes a constitution in which the fluorescent substance used to form a light emitting layer has ZnS as a base material, Ag as a first added element and Cl as a second added element. (See [0012] and [0043].)

Document 10 describes a constitution in which fine semiconductor particles used to form a light emitting layer are fine particles of 10 nm or less. (See [Claims], [0013] and [0015]-[0017].)

Document 11 describes (1) a photocatalyst reaction vessel comprising photocatalyst fibers, each of which is formed by covering a light guide cylinder with a photocatalyst and (2) a photocatalyst reaction vessel having a structure in which photocatalyst sheets and light guide sheets are provided as a combination of alternate layers. (See [0042]-[0049], [0088], and Figs. 1-8.)

Therefore, the subject matters of claims 1-14 are juxtaposition of the well-known techniques described in documents 1-11 and could have been easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

So, the subject matters of claims 1-14 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of

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